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Postmaster Conner Reappointed Local March of Dimes Chairman

Postmaster Clara A. Conner has been named to head the 1954 March of Dimes campaign as general chairman in Torrance. Sheriff Eugene Biscailuz announced this week.

Mrs. Conner has been local campaign chairman each year since 1949 and her husband, the late Earl Conner, headed the campaign each year previously, from the inception of the March of Dimes movement.



MRS. CLARA CONNER To Head Dime Drive

In announcing the appointment of Mrs. Conner, Sheriff Biscailuz stressed the importance which each community will play in the March of Dimes. "With the possibility of a new polio vaccine, victory in the total elimination of this dread crippler is almost in sight," he said. "It is felt that this year each community in Los Angeles County will double its efforts to support the annual mercy appeal of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, 1954 marks the beginning of nation-wide field tests which will determine whether a practical vaccine to eliminate polio has been developed, and how soon such a vaccine will be available for general use. In the early months of 1954, a nation-wide program of inoculations will begin.

"Parts of California and most likely Los Angeles County, which is an epidemic area, will be included in these field tests," he said.

Biscailuz pointed out to Chairman Conner that it has taken 16 tedious years of laboratory study and \$20,000,000 in March of Dimes contributions to reach the present hopeful stage in the search for a polio vaccine.

"But in the meantime," Biscailuz continued, "Los Angeles County again has had a most disastrous polio year. New patients, plus those still striving for recovery, look to March of Dimes for aid. Although our hopes for the future are bright, the grim reality of today's victims is still with us. Many polio patients must receive assistance for many years. March of Dimes funds have provided for the constant care of those stricken previously. The hope for the future is in the successful completion of the field tests in 1954."

In grateful appreciation and acknowledgment of the support of this worthy cause through out the county in the past, Biscailuz declared that March of Dimes leaders anticipate a their most successful year in the 1954 campaign.

National Supply Controller on Speaking Panel

Fred W. Mill, division controller for The National Supply Co., will be one of the panel speakers at the morning session of the Discussion Forum presented this week by the Los Angeles Chapter of the National Association of Cost Accountants.

Speaking with two other well-known Southern authorities on accounting procedures, Mill's talk will be on the topic under discussion by the group during the meeting, "Fixed Asset Accounting—Today's Handling of Tomorrow's Costs."

The meeting has been scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 14, at the Huntington Hotel in Pasadena.

Afternoon session of the meeting will consist of open discussion led by members of the association.

13 El Camino Students Go to Press Conference Thirteen El Camino student representatives, including five from Torrance, attended the Associated Collegiate Press Short Course and Press Conference held at the Ambassador Hotel recently.

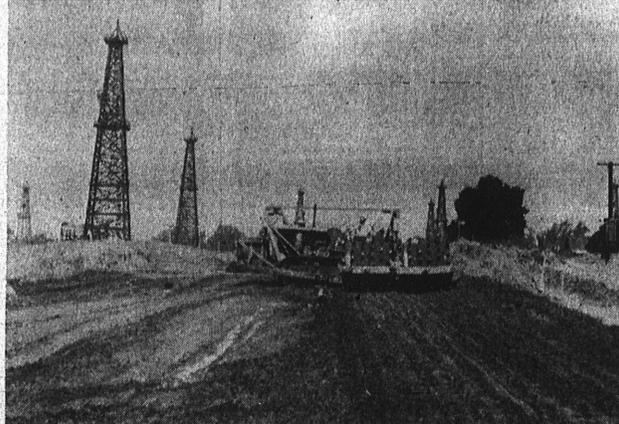
Torrance representatives were Ruth Brossart, Fred Clair, Marie DiCarlo, Warrior Homecoming Queen, David Parton, and Carl Larsen.

Course Slated In English for Foreign Born

A course in "English for the Foreign Born" will begin Monday evening at the Adult Evening School, according to Dr. Marshall Crawshaw, adult education director.

Students should call FA 8-2272 for information, and should register for the course at the Evening School office on Monday night.

The course will be taught by Mrs. Maud Fraser, of the Torrance High School faculty. It will start at 7 p.m. and last until 9 p.m. each Monday, Crawshaw said. The course is designed especially for Spanish-speaking people who wish to learn English.



OPENING NEW LINK . . . Bulldozers, earth movers, packers, and other heavy road-building machinery are busy on the final link of Crenshaw Blvd. in Torrance and will be done around the first of the year. The new link is between Sepulveda Blvd. and Lomita Blvd. and will open the thoroughfare from Wilshire Blvd to Palos Verdes Dr. North, when completed. (Herald photo)

Postmaster in Annual Plea For Christmas

Mail early for Christmas, Postmaster Clara A. Conner warned Torrance area residents this week.

Mrs. Conner said parcel post furnished services personnel in Korea, Japan, and the Pacific Islands should be mailed before Nov. 15 for delivery by Christmas.

At the same time, the postmaster reminded mailers that surface rates for foreign mail with the exception of mail going to Canada and Mexico have been increased.

Letter and letter parcel post now costs eight cents for the first ounce and four cents for each additional ounce, she said. Canada and Mexico rates are three cents an ounce. Unsealed Christmas cards to all countries will be two cents.

Net 95 Per Cent Of Chest Quota In 1 Day Drive

An army of 500 volunteer Community Chest workers collected 95 per cent of Torrance's residual Red Feather goal in a one day, door-to-door campaign Monday—\$3900 of \$4100—Chest spokesmen reported yesterday.

The \$4100 residential goal was part of the \$15,496 total set for Torrance in the campaign. For the past two years, Torrance has won a trophy for being the first city in the Los Angeles area to go over 100 per cent in the one-day drive. If the city had gone over its quota first again this year, the trophy would have stayed here permanently.

The town of Willowbrook hit the top first this year and won the trophy, spoiling Torrance's chance of winning the trophy three years in a row, thus keeping it.

Torrance's Division 733-B was the first residential area to go over its quota in the entire Harbor area Monday. It is located west of the business district, south of Torrance Blvd., and east of Crenshaw Blvd., and in charge of collections was Muriel Gateway. Mrs. Murray Rudnick is the residential division chairman for Torrance.

Torrance is still in the running for the Sam Levy trophy, donated by the local merchant for the city that shows the greatest amount of increase in collections from week to week.

Other divisions of the local drive, including the Advanced Gift, Public Employees, Small Businesses, and Commerce and Industries Divisions have combined to collect \$6706, or 45 per cent of the total goal for the drive, which ends Nov. 20. In the whole Los Angeles area, \$2,776,125, or 81 per cent of the \$3,000,000 goal has been collected so far. The Harbor Area has turned in 28.8 per cent of its \$82,000 quota.

Community Chest city chairman for Torrance is A. E. Thompson. He is assisted by Mott Farrell and John Ebbingshouse, co-chairmen.

Deputy DAs Told To 'Get Tough' To Stop Armed Robberies in L.A.

A memorandum to all Deputy District Attorneys instructing them to "get tough" to stop the alarming upsurge of armed robberies in the Los Angeles area was issued by District Attorney S. Ernest Roll this month.

The deputy DAs were instructed to "pour on the heat" in armed robbery cases so that Los Angeles will become a very "unpopular place" to commit such a robbery.

The memorandum stated: "In all robbery and burglary cases (particularly where a deadly or dangerous weapon is used or any physical force is manifested) all deputies in their respective positions will continue to:

- 1. Charge the highest number of counts commensurate with the facts.
2. Recommend the highest bail legally justifiable; and
3. Conduct complete and thorough preliminary hearings.

It was also suggested that deputies assigned to Superior Court in cases where defendants are found guilty should suggest that the sentences be made to run consecutively, except in unusual cases where the facts warrant otherwise.

Roll's memorandum stated, in part: "In the cities of Los Angeles County, and in the unincorporated territory in the past few months there has been an upsurge of armed robberies to an alarming degree. Innocent citizen victims from every walk of life have been subjected to loss of property, pain, physical violence and in some instances death.

For your information, all police agencies in this county have been alerted to this serious condition and are determined to curb these criminal acts of violence. In plain, English, they have adopted a real 'get tough' attitude in dealing with these vicious criminals.

"Although most of the personnel of this office are advised of this situation, in view of the current upsurge it is felt that the matter should again be brought to your attention so that every effort can be exerted by this office to see that

THS-Narbonne Students Enter Essay Contest

A national essay contest on the subject, "What the Bill of Rights Means to Me," has been opened to students of Narbonne and Torrance High Schools, it was announced this week by Howard Percy, president of the Torrance-Lomita Realty Board. Sponsored locally by the board, the contest is part of the nation-wide essay contest sponsored by the National Real Estate Board.

Chairman of the local essay contest is Realtor W. E. Bowen, of 1327 Post Ave. Essays should be submitted to him. The top three local winners will receive cash awards and the first-place winner's essay will be entered in the national contest. Bowen said.

The national winner will receive a five-day expense-paid trip to Washington, D. C., with his parents.

Dicalite Plant To Hold Dinner For Employees

Fifty-nine employees who have completed five or more years with the Dicalite Division of the Great Lakes Carbon Corporation will be honored tonight at a dinner to be held in the patio of Smith Bros. Fish Shanty in Walkersville.

The dinner will be preceded by a social hour beginning at 7 p.m.

Of the employees to be honored, 25 will be presented with pins denoting either 20, 10 or five years service with the company. This group has become eligible for awards since the last award dinner held in August, 1952.

G. H. Tirre, Gaspar Tarango, Ponciano Santana, Silvano Monte, Ysabel Madrid and Enrique Espinoza, all residents of the South Bay area, will be presented with pins signifying at least 20 years of service. Five employees will receive pins for 10 years or more of service and 13 employees will receive pins for having completed five or more years of service with the company. A total of 647 years, eight months, and three days of service to the company will be represented by the employees honored at the dinner.

The quarry crew, comprised of seven men, will take top honors in that each man in this particular department will have completed 20 years of more of service.

J. F. Woessner, controller, Great Lakes Carbon Corporation, will deliver the principal address. Other officials in attendance will include D. L. Marlett, vice-president of Great Lakes Carbon Corporation, general manager of Dicalite Division; E. A. Harris, operations manager, Dicalite Division; F. M. Brose, production manager, Permalite Division; R. W. Taylor, district personnel manager and Jason Hughes, production planner, Dicalite Division.

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Licenses of Four Drivers Taken Away

On the lists of persons who had their drivers' license suspended or revoked during the period Oct. 26-30 by the Department of Motor Vehicles were four men from Torrance.

They were Ysidro Flores, 2216 203rd St., Leon Haynes, 22721 Gaycrest Ave., Arlen Sargent, 1550 W. 203rd St., and Harold Shelton, 1210 El Prado, all suspended following an accident for failure to meet the requirements of the financial responsibility law.

Convicted of a violation, but with no suspension recommended by the court, were Thomas Axton, 1525 W. 208th St., and William West, 21025 S. Figueroa.

Licenses have been reinstated to Raymond Grothe, 2442 Pacific Coast Hwy., James Ashmon, 25424 Cypress St., Lomita, Rudy Faubus, 3115 W. 186th St., Clarence Hodges, 24683 Moon Ave., Lomita, Frank Kwiatkowski, 2224 Gramercy Ave., and Shirley Serma, 2165 240th St.

Honor Chairman Of Cancer Unit

A certificate of appreciation and a gold lapel insignia in the shape of a sword were presented to Dr. Arthur E. Berke here yesterday by Mrs. Z. Eugenia Zahn, representing the American Cancer Society.

Dr. Berke, who has been chairman of the Torrance unit of the American Cancer Society, is the chairman-elect for 1954, and the honors were given him for his work for the society during the past year.

Mrs. Zahn, who is a field representative for the American Cancer Society, praised Dr. Berke and the work he had done in Torrance.

Funds Returned She pointed out that 14 per cent of the funds raised during the last campaign in this area had already been returned here in the form of direct help such as nursing care.

The money is used also to support 17 tumor or cancer boards throughout the county, Mrs. Zahn reported. These boards are staffed by the area's top cancer specialists and are available to anyone on a doctor's referral.

An educational preventive program designed to acquaint persons with symptoms and treatment of cancer is being started here and efforts to put the program in effect in several local industrial plants is being made, she said. Also honored with a certificate of appreciation was the Torrance Herald.

May Seek \$3 Million In Bonds for Schools

The tidal wave of children born during and just after World War II will engulf Torrance schools soon and in order to provide classroom space for these children the Board of Education may ask the voters to approve a \$3,000,000 bond issue spread over the next three years, Superintendent of Schools J. H. Hull told the Torrance Educational Advisory Committee Monday.

Hull pointed out the need for more classroom space by showing graphically that, while 233 students will graduate from high school this year, 1244 children entered kindergarten in September.

"Explosion" Coming Tip-off to the "explosion" that Hull predicts has hit Torrance in increased numbers of school children, was a graph showing that total residential units planned or under construction here took an unprecedented

jump this year. While total numbers of homes had been rising at the rate of 2,000 per year since 1947, in 1952 the number has jumped from 12,000 to 18,000, or triple the rate of previous years—at an average of one child per home.

Assessed valuation has dropped from \$16,000 in taxable wealth behind each pupil to \$7,000. The bond issue would mean an increase in taxes of 30 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation, at a maximum, Hull said. He pointed out that, if Torrance's assessed valuation continues to rise as it has in past years, this tax rate will drop proportionately and could fall to a low of around 11 cents per \$100.

If the voters authorize the Board to sell bonds, the bonding capacity becomes available, it will be possible to start three badly needed elementary schools during the first year.

Federal Funds Asked In addition, the Board has applied to the federal government for funds under Public Laws 815 and 874 and expects to obtain money for two or three school buildings this way. This means that the Board will be able to build five or six elementary schools.

Five of these schools could be available by next September, Hull said, and would stem the tide for awhile.

With an assessed valuation of \$67,000,000 and a 30 per cent bond issue, the Torrance School District would spread the bond issue over three years. By June, 1954, the District will be able to obtain \$1,012,000 from its bonding capacity at that time.

Once obtained, the \$1,000,000 bond issue will be paid off over a 20-year period. The District is presently making annual payments of \$333,274 on previous bond issues.

In February, 1952, voters approved a \$3,000,000 bond issue by a 10-61 vote. Bond issues also were approved in 1950 and in 1948.

Could Go to State The other alternative to raise money for new school buildings would be to go into the State for a 10-61 vote. Bond issues of the District's resources to get state help in financing the building program.

There are three main objections to this plan: 1) The state would take control of the building program because it would have to issue approval on building sites, construction policies, plans, etc. Thus, local control of the building would be lost.

2) Construction costs would be increased by 10 to 15 per cent. 3) The tax rate would be maintained at a maximum until the State was repaid, which would take up to 30 years.

Timing is another objection raised by Hull. Under a state program, it would take a year to get one building started, he said. Under a local program, five schools can be ready next year.

Plans Are Tentative The Board of Education has just discussed the plan so far. Hull stated, and no action will be taken prior to the next meeting. Hull estimates that the bond issue may be put to a vote in February or thereabouts.

R. I. Plomer, president of the local Chamber of Commerce, pointed out to TEAC members the advantages of a bond issue over an override tax. He said that such a tax could increase the tax rate by \$1 per \$100, which would be prohibitive for new industries which might someday want to locate here.

Hull pointed out that Torrance has growing space for a population of 100,000.

CHAIRMAN HONORED . . . Dr. Arthur Berke, chairman of the Torrance Unit of the American Cancer Society, is honored with a certificate of appreciation and a gold lapel pin for his work with the society during the past year. Making the presentation is Mrs. Z. Eugenia Zahn, field representative for the society. (Herald photo)



Coming Events

Table with 3 columns: Date, Event Name, Location/Time. Includes events like Torrance vs. Leuzinger, El Camino vs. East Los Angeles, Fireladies Dance, El Nido PTA Fair, Riviera PTA Fashion Show, Torrance vs. St. Anthony's, Capt. Rogers Showboat, El Camino vs. San Diego Junior College, Walters Businessmen Turkey Day, Thanksgiving Day, El Camino vs. Harbor Junior College, Sobada Dance, THIS Variety Show, White Christmas Ball.